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and particularly with additions, if you'd put one addition onto another and you have a leak in the middle and the builder says, that's not my responsibility, the architect didn't design it properly, then you have this tension back and forth as to whose responsibility it is, sometimes those even end up in court. Underneath this, there is a single point of responsibility--the architect and the builder are working together. And if there's an overrun, well, there isn't such a thing as an overrun, it's just not there. They eat it somewhere in there. And also there are...there aren't any change orders. You have an end amount that this is going to be for...for \$5 million, it's not going to be for \$5,120,000 or anything else. You have a set amount, it's up to that architect, the engineer, and the design-builder to do that. It's a...it's a different approach, but I...I think we've got safeguards in there so that the school board is abs...or the school district is protected and you can come up with a good product in the end.

SENATOR ENGEL: And you think there's a savings in the process?

SENATOR JENSEN: I think there is.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Jensen, could I ask you a little simple question? Is this mandatory? Does the school board have to do it? Because that's...

SENATOR JENSEN: No, not at all. And as a matter of fact anytime in this process, if they start down this road and they say, this is not working out, they can stop and go back to the other. There is nothing that ties them into this at all.

SENATOR HARTNETT: How many are going to use it, do you think?

SENATOR JENSEN: I don't...I...I don't know. That...that's an estimate. I'll tell you, it's been proven throughout other states. I think it will work.